## TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT SUMMARY

PROJECT TITLE NATIONAL PROGRAM TO ELIMINATE CHILD LABOR,

INCLUDING AN ACTION PROGRAM TO COMBAT

CHILD DOMESTIC SERVICE

ILAB PROGRAM International Child Labor Technical Assistance

**REGION/COUNTRY**THE AMERICAS/Haiti **PROJECT DURATION**January 1999 – June 2003

FISCAL YEAR & FUNDING LEVEL FY1999: USD 1,223,535

PROBLEM TO BE ADDRESSED Child domestic service is deeply ingrained in the

cultural and traditional structure of Haitian society, constituting a fundamental element of the relationship between rural and urban populations. Child domestics

are one of the most vulnerable and exploited

populations in the country.

**RESULTS** The project withdrew 153 children from exploitive

domestic labor. The geographic regions of the project included the nine departments of Haiti: Artibonite, Centre, Grand'Anse, Nord, Nord-Est, Nord-Ouest,

Ouest, Sud, and Sud-Est.

**PROJECT OBJECTIVES** Development Objective:

To contribute to the prevention and progressive elimination of child domestic work in Haiti.

Immediate Objectives:

- Develop the government's institutional capacity to take steps to prevent and progressively eliminate child domestic work in Haiti, and to rehabilitate former child domestic workers;
- Improve understanding on child labor, and analyze and utilize intervention strategies; and
- Assist at least 150 former child domestics through rehabilitative services, education, or other direct assistance.
- Initiated the process of creating a national plan of action against child labor;
- Raised awareness about the issue of child labor among NGOs, the media, and other key actors;
- Collected qualitative and quantitative information on child domestic service;
- Conducted rapid assessments of child labor in agriculture and the commercial sex industry; and
- Implemented direct action projects to withdraw and rehabilitate child workers.

PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS Executing Agency

International Labor Organization's International Program on the Elimination of Child Labor (ILO-IPEC)

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Implementing and Collaborating Agencies

The Institute of Social Welfare (IBESR); Foyer L'Escale; Foyer Maurice Sixto; Haiti Solidarite

Internationale; World Vision Haiti

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